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Attachments: Focused EPA WPS Inspection Framework final 12-18-19.docx

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Pleased be reminded that your R5 SLA WPS Focused Inspection Scheme proposals are due to R5 by January 15 (next week Wednesday). If we recall, several SLAs were very interested in participating. Please discuss this with your staff and provide the completed Attachment A from the Framework to Estrella Calvo, with a cc to Dave, Tony Martig, and me. You may also copy your R5 TCs.

We look forward to your WPS inspection proposals for FY 20. Thank you.

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To report environmental violations visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents>
Life Lesson: We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.
Have a Bed Bug Free Day!!

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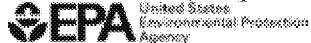
Good Afternoon and Seasons Greetings –

Attached is the final WPS National Focused Inspection Pilot Guidance. If your compliance program is interested in participating in this Pilot, then please review the final Guidance one more time, and complete and return “Attachment A” to Estrella Calvo [with a “Cc...” to Tony Martig and Don Baumgartner – please]. We’ll look for your interest in participating in this Pilot, on or before January 15, 2020.

We think this compliance monitoring Pilot will be a positive addition to our compliance assurance tool box and we hope you agree. Looking forward to hearing from you by January 15th.

Thanks,

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P.S. Don Baumgartner has indicated that he didn't spot any difference between this final document and the draft document we all discussed during our Pre-SFIREG meeting, in November.

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Subject: Announcing the Focused Worker Protection Standard Inspection Pilot
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EPA Pesticide Enforcement Managers and WPS Contacts,

The Office of Compliance (OC) is pleased to launch a pilot approach to conducting “focused” Worker Protection Standard (WPS) inspections. OC’s FIFRA Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) provides the national pesticide compliance program expectations to EPA regions, states, territories and federally recognized tribes. The CMS recognizes that it is increasingly challenging to monitor compliance and maintain adequate enforcement response capabilities in the face of a regulated community that continues to grow in size and complexity. OC also strives to constantly identify flexible approaches to identify and address violations that pose risk to human health and the environment while maximizing available resources.

The Agency’s Clean Air Act, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act programs allow for on-site inspections that evaluate specific portions of a facility, permit or program to make a compliance determination. The Focused WPS Inspection pilot is introducing a similar concept to the national pesticide program. Under the Pilot state and tribal inspectors are encouraged to conduct WPS inspections that strategically target a subset of WPS compliance requirements. Under each state/tribal pilot, a combination of focused and comprehensive inspections will be conducted. Attached is the final Framework explaining the details of the pilot approach for your use with your state and tribal partners.

Please share this framework with your states and tribes and discuss with them optional participation in the new pilot. OC anticipates the period of the focused inspection pilot will be 24 months in order to collect a minimum amount of data to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilots. After the evaluation OC will consider the possibility of extending the pilot. While it is preferable to begin pilots at the start of the work plan cycle, adjustments may be initiated by modification of the work plan during mid-year negotiations. Changes to the work plan that do not involve changes to funding amounts typically may be approved by the EPA Regional Project Officer and do not require approval by the Regional Grants Officer.

I want to thank Carol Galloway for her dedication leading the workgroup that developed this framework. I also want to thank the workgroup members who have contributed countless hours to developing this innovative FIFRA inspection concept:

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The intent is that focused WPS Inspections become another effective tool in our compliance assurance toolbox. Pilots may begin in FY2020 at mid-year or begin in FY2021.

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